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The Honorable Mark O. Hatfield
United States Senator
660 High Street, N.E.
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Dear Senator Hatfield:

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of your constituent, Cliff Moeller, regarding the Commission's decision to freeze acceptance of paging applications. Mr. Moeller expresses concern that the suspension of processing of paging applications will adversely affect small businesses that provide paging services.

The Commission is currently conducting a rulemaking proceeding that proposes to transition from licensing paging frequencies on a transmitter-by-transmitter basis to a geographic licensing approach, using auctions to award licenses where there are mutually exclusive applications. In conjunction with that proceeding, the Commission initially froze processing of applications for paging frequencies. On April 23, 1996, the Commission released a First Report and Order in (WT Docket 96-18) and PP Docket 93-253, which adopted interim measures governing the licensing of paging systems and partially lifted the interim freeze for incumbent paging licensees. For your convenience and information, enclosed is a copy of the Press Release concerning the First Report and Order, which includes a summary of the principal decisions made. Specifically, small and medium sized incumbent paging companies will be permitted to expand their service areas if the proposed new site is within 65 kilometers (40 miles) of an authorized and operating site. These interim rules will remain in effect until the Commission adopts final rules in the paging proceeding.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David L. Furth".

David L. Furth
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March 26, 1996

The Honorable Mark O. Hatfield
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Dear Mr Mark O Hatfield:

I am a member of a coalition of carriers providing paging service in the U.S. One of our goals is the elimination of a freeze on the filing of applications to expand and improve existing service, which was imposed by the Federal Communications Commission on February 8, 1996

The freeze was imposed by the FCC without seeking comment from the paging industry and we don't think the FCC truly understands the devastating effect the freeze will have on companies like mine. The paging industry is highly competitive and, until the freeze was imposed, it was thriving. Each day the freeze remains in effect means that we will continue to be harmed economically and our subscribers will be deprived of improved service.

I am therefore enlisting your support in our efforts to persuade the FCC to lift the freeze on the filing of paging applications.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you are able to provide.

Sincerely yours,

Cliff Moeller
Cliff Moeller
President

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